

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS
OFFICE FOR CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (OCDD)
WAIVER SUPPORTS AND SERVICES**

RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS WAIVER FACT SHEET

<u>Description</u>	<p>Home and Community-Based Services Waiver programs are based on federal criteria that allow services to be provided in a home or community-based setting for the participant who would otherwise require institutional care.</p> <p>There is a Developmental Disability (DD) Request for Services Registry (RFSR) that includes individuals who meet the Louisiana definition for developmental disability. Persons interested in being added to the Developmental Disability Request for Services Registry should contact their local OCDD Regional Office/Authority/District. Once a request has been made, the person will be asked to participate in a determination process for system entry which will only determine if the person meets the criteria for a developmental disability.</p> <p>The application process for the Residential Options Waiver will not begin until a waiver opportunity is available. At that time, medical and financial determinations will be completed simultaneously to validate that the person has a developmental disability and meets the financial and medical/psychological requirements for institutional care in an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD). Using the Freedom of Choice list, participants will choose their support coordinator and direct service provider(s).</p> <p>The Residential Options Waiver will only be appropriate for those individuals whose health and welfare can be assured via the Support Plan with a cost limit based on their level of support need and for whom home and community-based waiver services represent a least restrictive treatment alternative.</p> <p>The following services are available through the Residential Options Waiver: Support Coordination, Community Living Supports, Companion Care, Host Home, Shared Living, One-Time Transitional Services, Environmental Modifications, Assistive Technology/Specialized Medical Equipment, Personal Emergency Response Systems, Respite (Center-Based), Nursing, Dental, Professional (Dietary, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Work, Psychology), Transportation-Community Access, Supported Employment, Prevocational Services, Day Habilitation, and Permanent Supported Housing Services.</p>
<u>Level of Care</u>	Requestors must meet ICF/DD level of care for medical and/or psychological criteria. Procedure and requirements are the same as ICF/DD facility determination for admission.
<u>Population</u>	Age: Birth through end of life with a developmental disability manifesting prior to age 22. Must meet the Louisiana definition for developmental disability.
<u>Financial</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Income - The monthly income limit can be no greater than three (3) times the SSI amount. * Resources - The income limit for waiver, also known as Special Income Limit is \$2,199 for an individual and \$4,398 for a couple (when both spouses need long-term care). Individuals with income that exceeds the Special Income Limit may still qualify for coverage of waiver services in Waiver Spend-down. * Waiver Spend-down - An individual may have to pay towards the cost of care in Waiver Spend-down. The individual's liability is based on their income after the income deductions are applied. Waiver Spend-down has a standard \$20 income deduction. Also \$65 and ½ of the remaining income is deducted from all earned income. After the income deductions are applied, the average monthly waiver rate (Currently \$6,942.96 for NOW) and other allowable incurred medical expenses are used to "spend-down" an individuals' excess income qualifying the individual for Waiver Spend-down. Allowable incurred medical expenses

	<p>include Medicare and private health insurance premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, or copayment charges, and medical/remedial care expenses incurred by an individual that are not subject to payment by a third party.</p> <p>* All individuals are allowed to retain from their income a basic needs allowance which is equal to the SIL (\$2,199 for 2015) and the amount of the incurred medical expenses not paid by a third party. Any remainder will be the individual's liability for the cost of care in Waiver Spend-down.</p> <p>* These income and resources limits are subject to change each year.</p>
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For information about accessing Residential Options Waiver services, please contact your OCDD Regional Office/Authority/District.